

**ABSTRACT**

The feature manager system for facilitating communication and shared functionality among components comprises a network of components, where one component receives or generates a request for a feature, searches its local system for the feature, and if the feature is not available locally, sends a request to a server component in the network. The server component searches its local system for the feature, and either sends the feature to the requesting component, or sends a separate request for the feature to another server component in the network.